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## Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

### English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Species-Specific, Genus-Specific and Universal DNA Probes and Amplification Primers to Rapidly Detect and Identify Common Bacterial and Fungal Pathogens and Associated Antibiotic Resistance Genes from Clinical Specimens for Diagnosis in Microbiology Laboratories

the specification of which

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is attached hereto.

was filed on November 4, 1997 as United States Application No. or PCT International Application Number PCT/CA97/00829

and was amended on January 12, 1999

(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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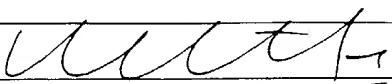
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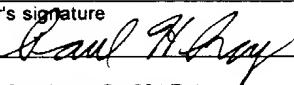
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